

**BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
WORK MEETING
March 11, 2024**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on March 11, 2024 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 7:30 PM. Mayor Cuneo called the meeting to order and read the STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE 'OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW' P.L. 1975 C 231 NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE STAR-LEDGER AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS OF THE PINE BEACH MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND THE PINE BEACH POST OFFICE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
present	present	present	present	present	present

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Resolutions:

Bills Resolution 2024-30

Resolution 2024-31 Establishing policies and procedures for the payment of claims, claimant's signature

Resolution 2024-32 Authorizing the cancellation of Municipal Court outstanding checks

Resolution 2024-33 Authorizing the PBVFC raffle license fee waived

No comments or questions are heard from Council or the public present.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor has met with Linda Covello, CFO, to finalize budget items and the last few items that needed changes to make it under the cap. The Borough has just completed payment on a 40 year loan for sewer, minimizing our debt. The Farragut properties will be coming up in 2027.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Mr. Wieck reminds every one of the Independence Day meeting on March 27th, 6:30pm.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling sent an email for a grant opportunity for T-Mobile, suggesting this could be obtained for the Pavilion project.

Discussion of adding an additional bulk pickup for 2025. Mr. Keesling feels the total fee added is warranted based on the sample he has polled through social media. The new bulk date would be for 3rd week in January to keep the pickups every 4 months. Mr. Newman asks if Mr. Keesling has obtained quotes for a private bulk pickup service. This could help see the rate they would charge for man power and truck use. Mr. Keesling agrees to making the phone calls to obtain this information. Mayor Cuneo adds that during the budget requests with CFO he did request an additional pickup to be budgeted for if the Council moves forward with this. Mr. Saxton asks if the service can be charged to the owner per extra pickup, Mr. Keesling states that this is a service that has been requested by the residents so he has brought it to the attention of the Council to determine if it can fit within the budget. Mr. Saxton states that an additional poll can be put out to determine if the residents who require this additional service would be willing to pay a fee for the pickup of bulk items. Mr. Keesling asks Mr. Saxton to email the wording he would like on the additional poll question.

L. MCGEE

Mrs. McGee updates the Council on the weekends Rabies Clinic. Although it was raining, we had a great turn out. She thanks everyone for volunteering their time on Saturday morning.

The Egg Hunt is March 23rd at 1pm at Vista Park, she confirms with Mr. Polhemus that he can provide the music. He agrees he will be there with the entertainment for the event.

October 19th will be the Borough's Trunk-or-Treat event, we are looking for groups to sponsor vehicles as well as some entertainment for the residents. Mr. Newman states that they are looking into a corn maze inflatable, if anyone has a company to use or has used it with good prior experience, please let Mrs. McGee or Mr. Newman know. There will also be a face painter at the event.

Mrs. McGee takes a second to express her gratitude towards Pine Beach Police Department and Ptl. Dean who responded to an incident at a neighbor's home. She states Ptl. Dean was very compassionate, calm, and professional; the family appreciated his assistance very much. Mrs. McGee states she was very proud to have Ptl. Dean represent the Borough of Pine Beach. Mayor Cuneo states the Ptl. Dean is new to Pine Beach and this is great to hear he is making a difference for the Borough already.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman thanks Charlene Carney for the additional donation to the Boy Scout's project. The fundraising is now complete for the plaque, and it will be installed as soon as the weather is nicer. The Memorial day ceremony will be held at 1pm on the Bluff at Vista Park. This event will showcase the memorial plaque.

The PBVFC have received the ARP grant in the amount of \$55,000. Mr. Newman thanks Mr. Saxton for spearheading this with our local state representatives to help cover the cost of upgrading PPE in the volunteer fire companies.

Mr. Newman expresses his gratitude to Mike Sedlak and the entire Public Works Department. Mr. Newman has a similar position as Mike and understands the hard work and dedication it takes to make Pine Beach look great. When Mr. Newman drives around town he truly feels blessed to live in Pine Beach. Mr. Newman also thanks the entire staff of the Borough as he knows the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. He would also like to thank the Police Department and the Fire Company for showing up daily and being there in emergency situations. The Borough doesn't run with out our employee's, Mr. Newman expresses his gratitude to all who make the Borough a great place to live.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus follows up on Mr. Newman's sentiments, that in order for the Borough employee's to do this great job they need the resources to get the job done, and safely. Public Works have been making many repairs to equipment to ensure they are safe.

Mr. Polhemus continues that previous discussions were had about running electric to the locations of events such as the Bluff at Vista Park. Mike has obtained a quote for a quiet generator so it can be used for entertainment at these events, but also in case of an emergency the generator can be used as well. Mr. Polhemus agrees to get the quote over to Linda Covello for approval.

Mr. Polhemus asks if we have had any applications for Lifeguard yet. The Clerk answers that we have not and are still looking for a Summer Beach Lifeguard. If anyone has a suggested person we can contact, we will be happy to reach out.

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton states that he has not gotten a response from legal on the Cannabis Ordinance and will update with any new information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Hearing none, the Mayor requests to enter executive session for discussion on personnel. A motion is made to enter an executive session for discussion of personnel by Mr. Wieck and seconded by Mr. Saxton.

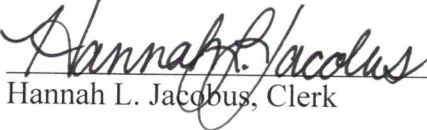
Executive Session:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach have determined that in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 10:4-12b, Closed Session to discuss (4) Collective Bargaining Agreement (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property (6) Public Safety (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation (8) Personnel) is necessary. The public will be informed of the discussion within forty-five days of the conclusion (NJSA 10:4-13)

The Council returned from the Executive Session and reopened the work meeting.

Mayor Cuneo updates the Council that there is a Special Election on April 16th for Toms River School Board.

There were no further matters to be discussed and the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Saxton. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.



Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk

Approved: 4/10/2024